

Senate Joint Resolution 7 - Introduced

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 7
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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 A Joint Resolution requesting the calling of a constitutional
2 convention in order to propose amendments to the
3 Constitution of the United States to impose fiscal
4 restraints on the federal government, limit the power and
5 jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit the terms
6 of office for its officials and for members of Congress.
7 WHEREAS, the founders of the Constitution of the United
8 States empowered state legislators to be guardians of liberty
9 against future abuses of power by the federal government; and
10 WHEREAS, the federal government has created a crushing
11 national debt through improper and imprudent spending; and
12 WHEREAS, the federal government has invaded the legitimate
13 roles of the states through the manipulative process of federal
14 mandates, most of which are unfunded to a great extent; and
15 WHEREAS, the federal government has ceased to live under
16 a proper interpretation of the Constitution of the United
17 States; and
18 WHEREAS, it is the solemn duty of the states to protect
19 the liberty of our people, particularly for the generations
20 to come, by proposing amendments to the Constitution of the
21 United States through a convention of the states under Article
22 V of the Constitution for the purpose of restraining these and
23 related abuses of power; NOW THEREFORE,
24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 That the General Assembly, as the Legislature of the State
2 of Iowa, hereby applies to Congress, under the provisions of
3 Article V of the Constitution of the United States, for the
4 calling of a convention of the states limited to proposing
5 amendments to the Constitution that impose fiscal restraints
6 on the federal government, limit the federal government's
7 power and jurisdiction, and limit the terms of office for its
8 officials and for members of Congress; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State
10 shall transmit certified copies of this Joint Resolution
11 to the President and Secretary of the United States
12 Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of
13 Representatives, the presiding officer in each house of the
14 legislature in each of the states in the union, and to the
15 members of Iowa's congressional delegation requesting their
16 cooperation; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this application constitutes
18 a continuing application in accordance with Article V of the
19 Constitution of the United States until the legislatures of at
20 least two-thirds of the several states have made applications
21 on the same subject.

22 EXPLANATION

23 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
24 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

25 This joint resolution constitutes a petition requesting the
26 United States Congress to call a constitutional convention in
27 order to propose amendments to the Constitution of the United
28 States to impose fiscal restraints on the federal government,
29 limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government,
30 and limit terms of office for its officials and members of
31 Congress.

32 The joint resolution provides that it shall serve as a
33 continuing application to call a constitutional convention
34 until at least two-thirds of the legislatures of the several
35 states have made applications on the same subject.

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3 and Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker
4 and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives,
5 the presiding officer in each house of the legislature in
6 each of the states in the union, and the members of Iowa's
7 congressional delegation.